



# Rockrohr News and Notes

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## Preparations for 2013: Family and Seminary

2012 ended with a great family event, the wedding of eldest son, Paul, to his lovely bride Stacy (nee Menzer) on December 16th. We were able to be with family in the U.S. for 10 days for this event. Daughter Rebecca returned to South Africa with us for her university break.

Family changes have continued in 2013. Ted started at Hilton College, a boarding high school about a six hour drive from Pretoria.

Ted's first day was January 14th. The first two weeks are "settling in" for the "new boys" with no communication with mom and dad. But we have received numerous emails and phone calls from the school informing us of Ted's activities and his well-being. He made the "A Team" of the under 14 basketball squad. He always enjoyed basketball in the U.S. and has not been able to play for a year so he was looking



January 14th, Ted's first day at Hilton College, a boarding high school near Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Daughter Rebecca was visiting for a month and was able to help Carl and Deborah take Ted to his new school.

forward to it at Hilton. We will see Ted on February 1-3 during a "new parents" weekend at Hilton.

We had a nice visit with Rebecca who is in the deaconess training program at Concordia University Chicago. Her last semester of classes is this spring. She will receive her deaconess internship assignment in April.

Newlyweds Paul and Stacy are apart for one semester as Paul finishes 2nd year of seminary at

Ft. Wayne and Stacy finishes her last semester of classes in pharmacy school at Concordia University Wisconsin. They anticipate his vicarage and her pharmacy internship to both be in southeastern Wisconsin and will then be together full-time.

Second son James continues his work at Concordia University Wisconsin as a Resident Director. He anticipates his activation as a U.S. Marine of-

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### **The 2012 Rockrohr Mission Annual Report**

is available online at [www.rockrohr.net](http://www.rockrohr.net) on the newsletter page link. If you have not seen it yet you are invited to explore its articles. It gives an overview of the need for church worker training in Africa, explains our fundraising and recaps 2012 as well as envisions plans for 2013. And check out the map: *The True Size of Africa!*

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ficier sometime this summer or fall.

Yes, this is a year of changes for Mom and Dad!

### **Seminary**

Classes begin on February 5th. Deborah is scheduled to teach "Deaconess Skills" and "Ministry to Women and Children;" and Carl will teach "Christology" and "Ethics." We are busy with those course preparations plus other assignments for the seminary.

Carl has been part of a seminary "fundraising subcommittee" since November. It has made progress developing a strategy to raise a significant part of seminary's budget from South African Lu-



LTS fundraising subcommittee: Rev. John Nkambule, Ms. Zanele Mtshali, Dr. Carl Rockrohr and Mr. Rueben Dlamini

theran church members. He is currently working on the draft of the committee's proposal. We pray the Lord's guidance on the plans!

Carl will also start monthly visits to four LCMS GEO missionaries in Middleburg, South Africa who are not always able to receive the Lord's Supper locally.

On February 9-16, Debo-

rah and Carl will travel to Ghana, West Africa to attend a conference on Lutheran seminary education in Africa.

So our January is full of preparations! Ted at boarding school, seminary courses, reports for seminary activities, getting visas for travel, etc. Please remember Ted, our seminary's new academic year and our Ghana travels in your prayers!

## **Thank You, St. Paul's Farmington Hills, MI**

In our November 2012 issue of *News and Notes* we asked for a congregation to help with our newsletter postal mailings. About half of our newsletter subscribers receive paper copies so the newsletter mailing is a vital part of our support network.

A hearty thanks to our Michigan church home, St Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, for stepping in to support us in this way in 2013!

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